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SUBJ: GOP REQUEST FOR US SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATURE OF S. OSMAN

ALI FOR SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNCTAD.

SUMMARY: GOP REQUESTS US SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATURE OF S. OSMAN ALI FOR UNCTAD SECRETARY GENERAL AND ALSO REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM CHINA, FRANCE, UK AND USSR. CHARGE AGREED REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS. AIDE MEMOIRE LISTS POSITIONS HELD BY ALI IN GOP AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. ON AUGUST 11 GOP ADDITIONAL SECRETARY MFA, A.A. SHAIKH, REQUESTED OF CHARGE THAT US SUPPORT CANDIDATURE OF S. OSMAN ALI FOR UNCTAD SECRETARY-GENERAL AND ADDED THAT GOP ALSO REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM CHINA, FRANCE, UK AND USSR.

2. SHAIKH SAID GOP BELIEVED THERE WERE ALREADY THREE OTHER CANDIDATES: NARASIMNHAM (PHONETIC) OF INDIA, GAMANI COREA (PHONETIC) OF SRI LANKA AND AN UN-NAMED
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FILIPINO. HE ADDED GOP UNDERSTOOD THAT COREA'S CANDIDACY

WAS INDIVIDUAL AND NOT SUPPORTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. SHAIKH STATED GOP WOULD APPRECIATE SOME INDICATION OF USG'S POSITION ASAP. CHARGE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD CONVEY MFA REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT AND REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

4. SUMMARY OF BIOGRAPHIC DATA OF S. OSMAN ALI FROM GOP AIDE MEMOIRE (COPY BEING POUCHED) FOLLOWS: GRADUATE IN ECONOMICS FROM OXFORD; ENTERED INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE IN 1935; SINCE 1957 HAS HELD SENIOR GOP APPOINTMENTS INCLUDING POST OF SECRETARY IN MINISTRIES OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; GOP AMBASSADOR TO EEC FROM 1966 TO 1968 AND CONCURRENTLY GOP PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN AT GENEVA; CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH UNCTAD; ALTERNATIVE LEADER OF GOP DELEGATION TO SECOND UNCTAD CONFERENCE; LEAD GOP DELEGATION ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO ECAFE, GATT AND COLOMBO PLAN MEETINGS; FROM 1968 UNTIL RECENTLY WAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORLD BANK; PRESENTLY MANAGING DIRECTOR PAKISTAN INDUSTRIAL CREDIT AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION.
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